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**AMENDMENT WITH SUBMISSION  
OF REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
EXAMINATION [RCE] Under  
37 CFR 1.114**

**PATENT**  
Attorney Docket No.: 16869P-041700US  
Client Ref. No.: 210100219US2

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Mineo NOMOTO, et al.

Application No.: 10/082,430

Filed: February 22, 2002

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
MEASURING THICKNESS OF THIN  
FILM AND DEVICE  
MANUFACTURING METHOD USING  
SAME

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 6313

Examiner: Michael A. Lyons

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This Amendment is with submission of a Request for Continued Examination [RCE] under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 for the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks::

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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